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Overview

Asarco was organized in 1899 as American Smelting and Refining Company. The current name was adopted in 1975. Originally a consolidation of a number of lead-silver smelting companies, the Company has evolved over the years into an integrated producer of copper, as well as a producer of other metals, specialty chemicals and aggregates.

The Company is a fully integrated miner, smelter and refiner of copper in the United States. Asarco's mines include the Mission and the Ray open-pit mines, both in Arizona, and a 49.9% interest in the open-pit mine of Montana Resources in Butte, which also is a significant producer of molybdenum. Asarco also produces solvent extraction/electrowin refined copper cathodes at the Ray mine and at its Silver Bell mine in Arizona. Asarco operates a copper smelter in Hayden, Arizona, which produces anodes that are refined at the Company's Amarillo Copper Refinery in Texas. Asarco is a major producer of sulfuric acid as a by-product of the smelting process.

Asarco's corporate office is located in Tucson, Arizona.

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